

ICD-10 MS-DRGs Version 38.1 Effective January 1, 2021

In response to the national emergency that was declared concerning the COVID-19 outbreak, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is implementing new diagnosis codes into the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), effective January 1, 2021.

The ICD-10 MS-DRG Grouper assigns each case into an MS-DRG based on the reported diagnosis and procedure codes and demographic information (age, sex, and discharge status).

The ICD-10 Medicare Code Editor (MCE) Version 38.1 software uses edits to detect and report errors in the claims data for the ICD-10 codes reported to validate correct coding on claims for discharges on or after January 1, 2021.

The ICD-10 MS-DRG Grouper software package to accommodate these new codes, Version 38.1, is effective for discharges on or after January 1, 2021.

Assignment of the new ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes¹ are as follows:

Diagnosis Code	Description	CC	MDC	MS-DRG
J12.82	Pneumonia due to coronavirus disease 2019	MCC	04	193, 194, 195
			25	974, 975, 976
M35.81	Multisystem inflammatory syndrome	CC	08	545, 546, 547
M35.89	Other specified systemic involvement of connective tissue	CC	08	545, 546, 547
Z11.52	Encounter for screening for COVID-19	N	23	951
Z20.822	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to COVID-19	N	23	951
Z86.16	Personal history of COVID-19	N	23	951

If diagnosis code M35.81 or M35.89 is reported as a principal diagnosis, they will exclude the following diagnoses from acting as a CC under the CC Exclusions List

Principal Diagnosis Code	Exclude Secondary Diagnosis	Description
M35.81 or M35.89	M35.1	Other overlap syndromes
	M35.5	Multifocal fibrosclerosis
	M35.81	Multisystem inflammatory syndrome
	M35.89	Other specified systemic involvement of connective tissue

The ICD-10 MS-DRG V38.1 Grouper Software, Definitions Manual Table of Contents and the Definitions of Medicare Code Edits V38.1 manual will be available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/MS-DRG-Classifications-and-Software>

¹ The Index and Tabular Addenda for the new diagnosis codes will be made available via the CDC website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm>